2023 UNDERGRADUATE

This course list provides a calendar of the teaching portfolio of the Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science (CPAS), which covers the depth and breadth of science communication across multiple disciplines.

Established in 1996, CPAS was the first science communication centre in Australia and is now the most diverse of its kind in the world! Situated in the College of Science, CPAS is a global leader in our field, developing methods to encourage informed decisions about the big scientific issues. We strive to encourage a confident democratic ownership of modern science nationally and internationally by increasing science awareness in the community, fostering public dialogue about science, and improving the communication skills of scientists.

Seize the unique opportunity to study undergraduate courses in science communication as electives or as part of a Major or Minor in Science Communication.



MAJOR

The Science Communication major aims to complement studies in the traditional science disciplines and to provide a solid foundation for professional science communication careers.



MINOR

Depending on the courses selected, the Science Communication minor can provide training in presentation and writing of science for diverse audiences, analysis of science and technology issues in the context of the wider community, and research methods for investigating public perceptions of science.



HONOURS

The Honours Specialisation in Science Communication builds on the knowledge and skills from undergrad to investigate how an aspect of science that you are passionate about has been communicated in the public arena.





Semester 1 / AUTUMN

- SCOM1001 Science Communication 1: Science and Public Awareness
- SCOM2031 Science, Risk and Ethics (not offered 2023)
- SCOM2016 Science in the Media
- SCOM3027 Science Politics
- SCOM3032 Making Modern Science (not offered 2023)

Winter

- SCOM3012 SciComm and the Web (intensive, 26 30 June 2023)
- SCOM3007 SciComm Project Design and Delivery (intensive, 3 7 July 2023)
- SCOM2006 Science and Humour (intensive, 10 14 July 2023)
- SCOM3029 Cross Cultural Perspectives in SciComm (intensive, 4 8 Sept 2023)
- SCOM3501 Strategies in SciComm (intensive, 11 15 Sept 2023)

Semester 2 / SPRING

- SCOM1002 SciComm 2: Scientific Evidence and Social Change
- SCOM2015 Speaking of Science (taught in person only; not offered online)
- SCOM3033 Health Promotion Principles and Practice

SUMMER

SCOM2003 Science in Popular Fiction (15 - 19 Jan 2024)

You choose:

Make your SCOM Major or Minor your own, by choosing your internship place and research topic during Semester 1 or 2, Summer, Autumn or Spring.

- SCOM3003 Science Communication Research Project
- SCOM3004 Science Communication Internship
- SCOM3005 Special Topics in Science Communication

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